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SUBJECT: UNGA EFFORTS TO QUESTION RKG CREDENTIALS

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1. PER REFTEL INSTRUCTIONS, EMBASSY PASSED AIDE MEMOIRE GIVING FULL ANALYSIS USG POSITION ON CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION ISSUE TO GOES ON SEPT 5. CHARGE FOLLOWED UP ON SEPT 9 WITH ORAL PRESENTATION TO SUB-SECRETARY FOREIGN RELATIONS RICARDO CASTANEDA.

2. CASTANEDA STATED GOES ESSENTIALLY SHARES US VIEWS OF ISSUES INVOLVED, HAS DECIDED TO SUPPORT US POSITION, AND WILL VOTE THEREFORE TO MAINTAIN KHMER REPUBLIC IN UNGA. HE SAID INSTRUCTIONS TO THAT

EFFECT WILL BE SENT TO SALVADORAN UN MISSION. IN LIGHT PAST EXPERIENCE SUCH ASSURANCES, EMBASSY SUGGESTS USUN MAKE IMMEDIATE CONTACT WITH SALVADORAN COLLEAGUE TO ASSURE THAT GOES INSTRUCTIONS ARE IN FACT RECEIVED AND UNDERSTOOD. IF THIS NOT THE CASE, NOTIFY US SOONEST FOR APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-UP.

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3. CASTANEDA PROVIDED TWO ADDITIONAL BITS OF INFORMATION.

FIRST, HE RELATED THAT SALVADORAN EMBASSY IN PARIS WAS APPROACHED AT UNSPECIFIED TIME IN PAST BY REPRESENTATIVES OF SIHANOUK, ASSISTED BY CUBANS, IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN VISAS TO VISIT EL SALVADOR AND PRESUMABLY OTHER LATAM COUNTRIES FOR PURPOSES OF DRUMMING UP SUPPORT THEIR SIDE OF REPRESENTATION ISSUE. SALVADORAN EMBASSY QUERIED FOREIGN OFFICE FOR INSTRUCTIONS AND WAS TOLD TO DENY VISAS ON GROUNDS THAT GOES HAD DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH KHMER REPUBLIC GOVT. SECOND, CASTANEDA MENTIONED IN PASSING, HIS PERSONAL RELUCTANCE TO ACCORD COMPLETE SERIOUSNESS TO PRESENT KHMER REPUBLIC GOVT. HE SAID HIS RELUCTANCE BASED ON INITIAL IMPRESSION RECEIVED WHEN CAMBODIAN DELEGATION, HEADED BY FON MIN, MADE 1972 PASS THROUGH CENTRAL AMERICAN TO GAIN RECOGNITION FROM GOES AND OTHER LATAMS. DESPITE CAREFUL PREPARATION BY US REPRESENTATIVES WHO STRESSED SERIOUSNESS OF MISSION'S PURPOSE, CASTANEDA RECALLED HOW THIS IMPRESSION WAS DESTROYED WHEN CAMBODIAN FON MIN'S FIRST REQUEST THROUGH INTERPRETER WAS FOR WOMEN. CASTANEDA, THOUGH MINDFUL OF MEN'S WEAKNESSES, WAS NEVERTHELESS SO STRUCK BY UNTIMELINESS OF FON MIN'S REQUEST THAT HE, CASTANEDA, ARGUED AGAINST GOES RECOGNITION OF KHMER GOVT. POINT OF ANTEDOTE, THOUGH UNSTATED, WAS PRESUMABLY THAT IT IS DIFFICULT ENOUGH FOR GOES TO PROJECT ITSELF INTO ISSUE SUCH AS THIS IN WHICH IT HAS NO ESSENTIAL NATIONAL INTERESTS, WITHOUT EXACERBATING SITUATION BY SENDING SUCH REPRESENTATIVES. MOSKOWITZ

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